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## **MAJOR BETH T.M. STEELE**

### ***BIOGRAPHY***

Major Beth T.M. Steele became the Deputy Commander and Associate Conductor of The U.S. Army Field Band in July of 2005. A native of Ames, Iowa, she holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance and a Master of Music in Conducting from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

After receiving her commission in 1988, Major Steele served as the Executive Officer and Associate Conductor of the Army Ground Forces Band in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as Commander, Student Company, at the U.S. Army Element School of Music. Following these assignments, she assumed duties as Associate Bandmaster for The U. S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," in Washington DC and as Commander for The U.S. Continental Army Band. Major Steele's most recent assignment was as Commandant of the U.S. Army Element, School of Music.

Major Steele is an accomplished musician, playing the piano, violin, and trumpet. Her skills led her to perform trumpet throughout the United States and Europe. She is also a two-time national finalist in the Music Teachers' National Association Collegiate Artist Competition. She is also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Major Steele is a graduate of the Adjutant General's Basic and Advanced Officer Courses, the Master Fitness Trainer Course and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. She has also earned the Basic Parachutist's badge and was the Distinguished Military Graduate of her class.